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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eric OLSON and Norbert FREY

Serial No.: 10/045,594

Filed: November 7, 2001

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
RELATING TO MUSCLE SPECIFIC
SARCOMERIC CALCINEURIN -
BINDING PROTEINS (CALSARCINS)

Group Art Unit: 1632

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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including March 29, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 30, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$205.00) for a two-month extension of time.

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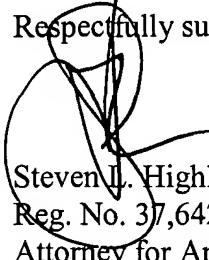
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